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## UNO given 2 percent cut in proposed NU budget

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

LINCOLN — UNO faces a \$2.2 million budget shortfall for the 2009-10 fiscal year, according to the University of Nebraska's preliminary budget proposal released on Friday.

The shortfall is part of a \$8.5 million university-wide budget deficit projected by the university following Gov. Dave Heineman's approval of a meager 1.5 percent increase to state support and the NU Board of Regents' proposal of a 4 percent NU-wide tuition increase.

"The impact of this budget, the importance of it, is that despite a difficult economy in Nebraska, the University of Nebraska will manage its budget in a way that continues the momentum that the university has enjoyed in recent years and that continues to serve Nebraskans," NU President James B. Milliken said.

The \$2.2 million shortfall at UNO represents a 2 percent reduction of the campus budget, which will have to be reallocated to adjust for the cuts. The shortfalls at the other NU campuses are:

- UNL: \$3.7 million, which represents a 1.1 percent cut;
- UNMC: \$1.7 million, which represents a 1.1 percent cut; and
- UNK: \$800,000, which represents a 1.4 percent cut.

UNO's share of the shortfall is the greatest because of different circumstances on each campus, Milliken said. Faculty at UNO and UNK are unionized, and the university will be required to pay faculty a larger compensation increase at those campuses because of the results of collective bargaining.

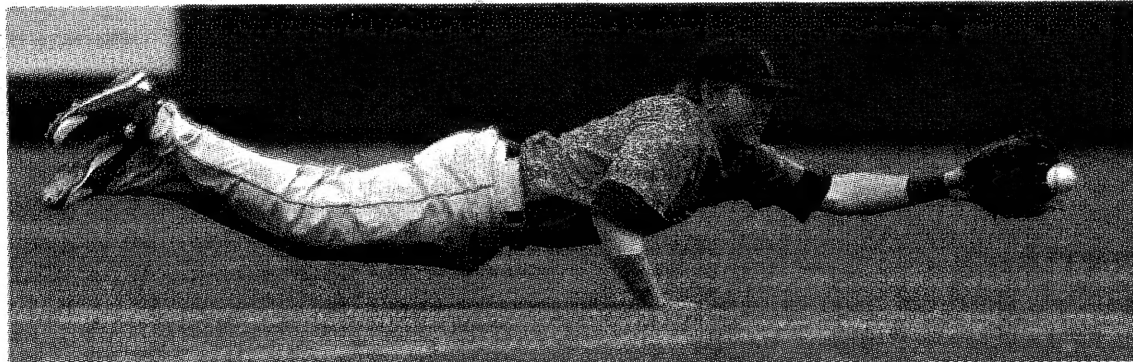
The university is currently appealing the UNO decision with the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations, with a decision expected in early July. If the university wins the appeal, UNO's shortfall would reduce by \$472,000, still leaving the campus with a 1.6 percent overall shortfall stemming primarily from still-higher faculty compensation increases.

"We know there will be a certain level of reallocation required at UNO, the minimum level would be the university's offer of salary level, so my expectation is that UNO will move quickly on the minimum level that they are aware of," Milliken said.

To cover the shortfall, each campus will have to look at ways

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## Mavs win MIAA title; Porter earns career home run record



Andrew Hansen dives for the ball during UNO's game against Central Missouri at the MIAA tournament May 10 at Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kan. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After going undefeated in the MIAA tournament to clinch a fifth-straight berth in the NCAA regional playoffs, conference rival Central Missouri got their revenge against the Mavs, knocking them out after the second round.

The showing was the worst in five years for an impressive UNO program, which made the Central Region championship game last year, the College World Series in 2007 and the third round in both 2006 and 2005.

During their inaugural season in the MIAA, the Mavericks clinched the postseason title and went 27-13 in the regular season, finishing fourth in the final conference standings. Overall, UNO finished 40-18 in the regular season, ranking 27th in the nation.

### Rounding out the regular season

The Mavs finished their regular season on May 2 and May 3 with back-to-back doubleheaders at home against Washburn University.

UNO split the first

doubleheader 7-5, 6-5, with each team pushing to keep pace with the other.

The Mavs got the advantage in the first game in the bottom of the fourth with a three-run home run by freshman Brett Koehn and a two-out triple by sophomore Travis Jacobi, who brought home the winning run.

The second game, the Mavs traded runs with Washburn, who finally took the lead in the sixth inning and held on through the eighth, when the teams again swapped runs.

UNO got off to a slow start on the second doubleheader. They dropped the first game 14-4 after the Ichabods scored seven runs in the top of the second and six more in the fourth. The Mavs rallied back, though, with senior Evan Porter leading the charge.

Porter had three hits for three runs in the second game, with five RBIs — four coming from a grand-slam home run in the fifth inning. That tied him with former Mav standout Chris Weimer's school career home run record of 41.

"I love being in the league," Head Coach Bob Herold said. "They're all outstanding teams. You don't play well, you get

pounded. The kind of teams like that only make us better."

### Fighting back for the MIAA title

When the Mavericks set foot in Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kan., for the MIAA Postseason Tournament, they knew they had their work cut out for them if they wanted to make it to the NCAA Tournament.

To secure an automatic berth, UNO would need to defeat the conference's three top teams: regular season champion and No. 8-ranked Emporia State, No. 11-ranked Central Missouri and Missouri Southern.

"We had to win to get in," Herold said. "If we didn't win, we were out."

The Mavs started the tournament on May 8 against Emporia State. UNO earned a 6-3 upset after building a 6-0 advantage by the bottom of the sixth inning.

Porter, Jacobi and senior Drew Schwab each had three hits in the game. Porter and Jacobi recorded two RBIs each while Koehn and senior Brian Goliber received the remaining two RBIs.

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## Ruling expected by early July on faculty salaries

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

LINCOLN — Lawyers from the University of Nebraska and the UNO Chapter of the American Association of University Professors presented oral arguments for the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations on May 27.

The university is challenging the decision of a special master to award a 3.8 percent salary increase for each of the next two years to UNO faculty along with a new life insurance benefit.

Under Nebraska law, a special master is appointed to serve as an independent arbitrator to mediate between "final offers" made between the union and the university when an impasse in negotiations is reached, as was the case again this year.

UNO's final offer — which the university is petitioning the Commission of Industrial Relations to uphold — was a 2.9 percent salary increase in 2009-10 and a 2.5 percent increase in 2010-11, with no added life insurance benefit.

The life insurance benefit has a face value equal to the base salary of each AAUP member, not to exceed \$120,000. The university has previously estimated the potential cost of implementing the benefit at \$2 million.

Before the May 27 hearing, representatives of the AAUP filed a motion in limine to prevent the university from calling witnesses at the hearing. A motion in limine is a pretrial request to prevent inadmissible evidence from being offered in trial, including preventing it from being used in subsequent appeals.

Commissioner Bernard J.

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## Kemp leaves coaching to become 'godfather' of hockey program

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Mike Kemp may no longer be the coach of the Maverick hockey team, but that doesn't mean he'll be any less involved in the program's future.

The Athletic Department announced on May 14 that Kemp would step down as a coach to serve as an associate athletic director with primary responsibility for the hockey program.

Athletic Director Trev Alberts described Kemp's new position as the "godfather" of the hockey program, addressing

issues such as conference alignment, building an ice arena on campus and improving the end-of-season outcomes of UNO hockey.

"We need an associate athletic director who can do nothing but really help our hockey program and take it to the next level," Alberts said. "Of course, it was pretty clear to me that the only person who could do this job was Mike Kemp. Nobody else could do this job the way that Mike Kemp could."

A national search has been under way since the vacancy was announced. Until the vacancy is filled, Kemp said he would



From left to right, Don Leahy, Mike Kemp and Trev Alberts participate in a press conference on May 14. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

continue to perform the coaching duties.

Kemp, who got choked up discussing his coaching tenure

and support staff, said he thinks the move will be a "wonderful situation" where he can continue

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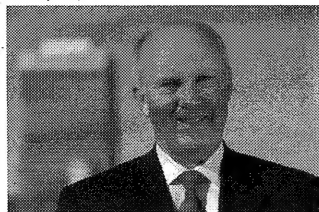
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## Suttle wins election Students blog about trips to Norway, Peru

**SCOTT STEWART**  
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JIM SUTTLE

Omaha's new mayor, Democrat Jim Suttle, defeated Republican Hal Daub in May's municipal election. Suttle took office on Monday.

The economy is the central problem Suttle faces as mayor. Spokesman Ron Gerard said Suttle's initial priorities are to overcome the shortfalls in the 2009 budget, plan for the city's 2010 budget and address the police and fire pension shortfalls.

Suttle received 38,620 votes to Daub's 37,087 – winning with only a slight majority of total votes cast at 50.7 percent, according to official election results.

Winners of the Omaha City Council races were:

- District 1: Pete Festersen, D, 7,039 votes, defeated Sharon Chvala, R, 4,229 votes.
- District 2: Ben Gray, D, 4,150 votes, defeated incumbent Frank Brown, D, 3,109 votes.
- District 3: Chris Jerram, D, 4,766 votes, defeated Chip Maxwell, R, 4,247 votes.
- District 4: Incumbent Garry Gernandt, D, 5,433 votes, defeated Joseph P. Velasquez, D, 1,395 votes.
- District 5: Jean Stothert, R, 7,401 votes, defeated Jon Blumenthal, R, 4,308 votes.
- District 6: Incumbent Franklin T. Thompson, R, 8,716 votes, defeated Walt Pfeffer, R, 6,592 votes.
- District 7: Incumbent Chuck Sigerson, R, 10,250 votes, was unchallenged.

Thompson is an associate professor in the UNO Teacher Education Department. The District 1 and District 3 seats were vacated by Suttle and primary mayoral candidate Jim Vokal, respectively.

Only about 30.66 percent of registered voters cast ballots. The turnout nearly matched Douglas County Election Commissioner Dave Phipps' prediction of a 31 percent voter turnout.

"In 2001, more than 108,000 people cast their ballot, while in 2005 there were more than 62,000," Phipps said.

All the races in the 2009 municipal primary were officially nonpartisan.

For complete results, visit the Douglas County Election Commission's Web site, [votedouglascounty.com](http://votedouglascounty.com).

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Two groups of UNO students blogged about their summer trips overseas last month, with 20 students visiting a sister institution in Norway and six students, four community members and two faculty doing service-learning in Peru.

The Norway group was hosted by the University of Agder, located in Kristiansand. They visited Kristiansand, Stavanger and Oslo, Norway, as well as a day-long lay over in Amsterdam.

In Norway, the group – predominantly juniors and consisting of 14 women and six men with a wide variety of majors – visited monuments and cultural sites, participated in a half-day of service at local schools and visited corporate and government executives.

"The experience these students will have will be amazing," Deepak Khazanchi, a professor of information systems at UNO, who helped organize the trip, said in a statement before the trip. "We know that international travel and education is life-changing."

The Peru group was organized by the Latin American Study Abroad Program of the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies. The group assisted with the construction of a nursery, which compliments a child care center built by a group of UNO students last year.

"This second trip to Peru very much builds on the first," said OLLAS Assistant Director Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, who went on the trip. "There is certainly academic rigor involved, but the service learning aspect helps connect our group to the community. The work being done is important."



Students spent a day in Amsterdam during their trip to Norway. The layover gave the students a chance to see the historic city. (COURTESY KRISTA PEKNY)

While in Peru, the students visited the Lima's municipal government and stock market as well as Peru's elite institutions of higher learning, ecological preserves and the growing international shipping port.

The trip was part of a course, Latin America Study Abroad, which was designed and taught by Olga Celle, an OLLAS instructor who is a Peruvian native.

"This course literally takes service learning at UNO to a global level," said Service-Learning Academy Director Paul Sather, the other faculty member who went on the trip. "UNO is part of our community – locally, statewide and worldwide."

Blogs were maintained by participants of both trips. The Norway blog can be found at [norwaytrip09.ist.unomaha.edu](http://norwaytrip09.ist.unomaha.edu), while the Peru blog is located at [uno-peru-2009.blogspot.com](http://uno-peru-2009.blogspot.com).

## Summer crime so far includes more than alcohol busts

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In the period between April 29 and June 3, Campus Security reported 18 incidents in the campus crime log. Of these, five were related to reports of theft, eight were related to alcohol or drug violations and two involved domestic assaults.

The entire crime log is available on The Gateway's Web site, [unogateway.com](http://unogateway.com). The following is a summary of crime reported on campus since April 29, as well as supplementary information from Omaha Police Department incident reports.

### Student strangled, hit in face by boyfriend

A student got into an argument with her boyfriend through text messaging shortly after midnight on May 20. The argument progressed to minor pushing and shoving and soon became violent, according to Omaha police.

The boyfriend "put his hands around her neck and strangled her until she felt she might pass out," according to the report. They went outside the residence at Maverick Village, where "he had her in a headlock and was hitting her in the face."

He fled campus before Campus Security arrived at 1:07 a.m., according to the crime log.

### University Village resident choked by ex-boyfriend

A resident of University Village got into a physical fight with her ex-boyfriend in her dorm room around 7 a.m. on June 3. Omaha police responded and arrested him on suspicion of strangulation, violating a protection order and destruction of property.

The suspect "choked her with his hands and held her down on her bed" until her roommate

attempted to break up the fight and called Campus Security, according to the Omaha police.

The report also lists a cell phone and iPod as being destroyed by the suspect, whom the victim had a protection order against.

### Two students arrested for DUI

Campus Security reported two students for driving under the influence in separate incidents on May 8 and May 12. Omaha police responded to both incidents and arrested the suspects, with the May 12 driver also being cited for careless driving.

### Drug dealer arrested on campus

On May 7, Omaha Metropolitan Area Drug and Gang Task Force officers came to campus and arrested a student on suspicion of selling controlled substances, according to Campus Security.

### Strauss Performing Arts Center vandalized

Campus Security notified Omaha police of trespass and destruction of property at the Strauss Performing Arts Center around 3:30 a.m. on May 22. Three doors in the Music Department offices had windows removed, including the wooden frames to hold the windows.

Although a Campus Security patrol had noticed two or three people inside the building, they didn't think it was unusual because many people have access to the building at any hour of the day, according to the Omaha police.

Nothing in the offices was disturbed, and no valuable items were stolen, according to the police report. There were no initial suspects. Anyone with information should contact Campus Security at 554-2911.

### Road rage results in assault in dorm parking lot

Around 9:15 p.m. on May 11, a woman was trying to change lanes while turning from 72nd Street onto Pacific Street to go to the Pacific Street campus dorms, according to Omaha police. She sped up and passed a car in the right lane, which followed her into the dorm parking lot.

The woman got out of her car, and another woman came towards her yelling expletives. Before the suspect could push her, the first woman sprayed her in the face with mace but was still pushed against her car and punched in the chest. The victim continued to spray mace until the suspect returned to her car and drove away.

The victim had a dent in her car, so she followed the suspect to attempt to read a license plate number while calling 911. The suspect parked her car in the same area where in the incident started, and the victim met up with Omaha police in the parking lot of the nearby Wal-Mart.

Omaha police made contact with the suspect in a parking lot near the Scott Village dormitories. They arrested her on suspicion of assault and destruction of property.

### Prayer books, other items stolen at St. Margaret Mary's Church

An out-of-state churchgoer had about \$1,400 worth of possessions stolen from the trunk of his sedan the morning of May 24 at St. Margaret Mary's Church, located across the street from the Milo Bail Student Center.

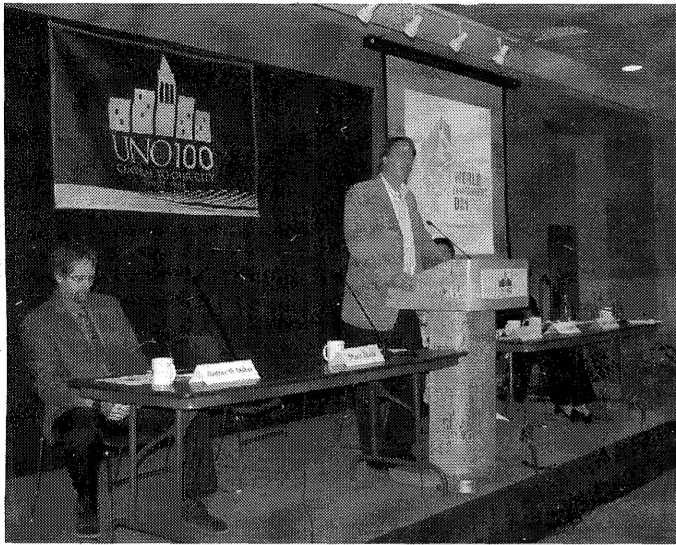
The victim's locked car was accessed through the trunk, from which a bicycle, a digital camera, an electric toothbrush, a pair of dress shoes, a pair of sandals, clothing, a suitcase and a prayer book set were stolen, according to the police report.



# Campus hosts forum for World Concerns remain over swine flu outbreaks

## Environment Day observations

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Mace Hack, a panelist at the World Environment Day forum, answered questions in the Milo Bail Student Center on June 3. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

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Jonathan Hoekstra's city has been flooded for the past three years.

Hoekstra, managing director of the Nature Conservancy Climate Change Program, watched Seattle experience three "storms of the century" as the city's precipitation rates continue to climb.

"Nature's rhythms are changing," he said. "There's no further north for a polar bear." Hoekstra was one of five guest panelists invited to speak about renewable energy and climate change at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Unite to Combat Climate Change forum on June 3.

The event was sponsored by the Nature Conservancy in Nebraska, the United Nations Environment Programme and UNO as part of Omaha's weeklong celebrations for World Environment Day 2009.

Omaha was chosen by UNEP to be the host city for North America two years ago due to the city's dedication to environmental and sustainability issues.

"I think a lot of people are looking at our part of the country as ground zero for more ways to find biodegradable fuel," said Mace Hack, state director of the conservatory and forum moderator.

Harmon D. Maher Jr., a professor of geology and interim associate vice chancellor for Research and Creative Activity at UNO, highlighted the university's sustainability efforts and developed partnerships.

"I think we all understand that just a week dedicated to sustainability efforts is just a start," he said.

Hoekstra said the two steps to combat climate change are to contain greenhouse gases by reducing carbon emissions and to develop nature-based adaptations.

"Climate change is no longer a far-off threat that needs to be dealt with," Hoekstra said. "The planet has already warmed 7.2 degrees. It doesn't sound like much, but nature feels it and we feel it."

The first goal is particularly significant in the Great Plains, where at least 95 percent of the tall-grass prairie that once absorbed carbon is gone,

along with some of its inhabiting species. For the Midwest, climate change could affect crops farmers plant.

Amy Fraenkel, the regional director and the UNEP director for North America, urged the public to understand the connect between the environment and the economy.

"Human beings are not outside of the environment, but a part of it," Fraenkel said. "When you disrupt the soil, forests and grasslands, you're disrupting and taking away a system that is absorbing greenhouse gases that was already there."

Joseph Fargione, lead scientist for the North American Region of the Nature Conservancy, addressed concerns regarding the limitations of certain habitats.

Fargione and the other panelists said the problem should be faced with the "carbon wedge" approach by investing in multiple strategies, such as researching modes of sustainable transportation, offering local power companies incentives for good energy use, slowing erosion, expanding wind energy projects and installing more satellites to observe glacial balances and weather patterns.

"What we're excited about is that they're proven, ready and often cost-effective," Hoekstra said.

The panel encouraged the public to take responsibility through small actions such as using low-flow shower heads, checking tire pressure regularly and replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy-saving bulbs.

Fraenkel said this could reduce home water consumption by 50 percent, improve gas mileage by 3.3 percent

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Confirmed swine flu cases exceed more than 13,200 nationwide – including a reported 27 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nebraska, however, has only witnessed 60 confirmed cases. The local media reported that a 20-year-old Chicago woman, who was the mayor of Boys Town, Neb., in 2007, died from swine flu. Her death was tallied as an Illinois case, though.

Dr. Philip Smith, chief of infectious diseases at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said the outbreak has been fairly mild, but there are still some concerns.

The H1N1 influenza virus, which causes swine flu, has some genetic elements from the virus responsible for the 1918 Spanish flu outbreak, and new cases are being diagnosed around the world.

"Even though it's still mild, we're just getting into the southern hemisphere of flu season, so it's possible to spread to lots of people," Smith said. "The flu has the potential to become more aggressive in the middle of a pandemic."

Smith said we can't rule out other pandemics, either.

"There are dozens of other strands of avian flu, pig flu and whatever flu you want, and they're still in animals, occasionally spreading to humans and have the potential to be the next pandemic," Smith said. "We're expecting a really severe pandemic and it might be swine, it might be something else."

UNO hasn't experienced an outbreak on campus, but students should remain cautious.

"Right now, I would still say if somebody has started running a fever, has a cough they can't get rid of – all of those things – they need to talk to a health-care professional to kind of get that sorted out," said Marcia Adler, director of Student Health Services.

Adler said the symptoms of the swine flu differ from allergy symptoms.

"The elevated temperature, the muscle aches, the dry cough...those are kind of that swine flu thing," Adler said. "The allergy side of the house is usually more runny nose, runny eyes, junk draining in the back of the throat, no temperature."

Students should practice daily hand-washing routines, good hygiene and stabilize their immune system.

"They need to go to bed at night, they need to eat three meals a day, they need to take care of their immune system," Adler said. "When you stay up all night or watch yourself get sunburned or drink too much on the weekends and then you try to catch

up, you put your body at a disadvantage for staying ahead of some of this stuff."

If the disease were to strike campus, Adler said the Student Health Services staff is prepared.

Student Health Services receives updated information from the health department regarding threats and testing criteria, which are posted on their Web site and e-notes for the campus to view. The staff has also attended community-wide meetings to prepare for an outbreak.

UNMC is doing their part to spread awareness, as well.

Experts have been engaging in pathology research involving antiviral flu masses and collaborating with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to uncover the most appropriate masks to wear. Experts have also been helping hospitals and nursing homes develop their pandemic influenza plans, as well as hold lectures and planning meetings to educate doctors and laypeople.

"All of these things are ongoing and all of them were really in progress before swine flu," Smith said.

Smith said that the CDC is working on a vaccine, but it will take about six months to develop.

"You have to find the ideal medium it grows in, then you have to find out how you can kill it and make it in a suspension that will be safe and yet produce antibodies in people," Smith said. "Then you have to test it for safety."

If all goes well, the vaccine should be ready by fall.

"They're working intently, as fast as they can, to develop a new vaccine," Smith said.

Regardless of the vaccine, Adler said other waves of the H1N1 virus can occur over time.

"This organism that we identify right now – I would guess that come fall – when we get closed back up in our houses, we're going to see a big glitch on the radar," Adler said. "It's going to come back, because it'll wave in six- or eight-week periods."

Smith said that we shouldn't panic, though.

The State and Douglas County Health Departments, as well as hospitals have been rehearsing a pandemic flu plan and stockpiling for the vaccine. Arrangements are also being made to exchange doctors and nurses with other states in case of a shortage.

"All of these things are complicated and time consuming but they're a lot of effort to be put in," Smith said. "Although it turned out to be mild, everybody got pretty nervous and it was kind of like a really good practice run I think for a flu pandemic."

## Here's to you, Mr. Robinson: reception held for associate vice chancellor

TAYLOR MULLER  
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UNO sent off one of its own with a raucous reception and roast for Wade Robinson, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Robinson, after serving 20 years at the University of Nebraska system, accepted the position of vice president for Campus Life and University Relations at Wichita State University. His appointment is effective Aug. 4.

Director of Enrollment Services David Cicotello will step in during the interim period. A national search for a permanent replacement will begin this fall. Cicotello took on his current role in summer 2003.

At Wichita State University, located in Wichita, Kan., Robinson will oversee student life, enrollment services, the student center and university relations. The reception, held in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom on June 1, was attended by more than 120 of Robinson's

friends and coworkers.

"The number of people is a testament of Wade's contributions; we had to open up the Ballroom," said Chancellor John Christensen, in prepared remarks toward Robinson. "It's bittersweet, sad for the campus, that we're going to lose you."

The jokes flew as several members of the UNO community "roasted" Robinson, lovingly commemorating working with him for 15 years at UNO.

Christensen, in his opening remarks, related Robinson's love of peanut M&Ms, saying he had an issue when Robinson took his "have some" one day to mean, "have as many as you want."

Robinson was presented with several parting gifts, as well, including a lifetime pass to the Health, Physical Education and Recreation gym, a Wichita

State jersey signed by members of student organizations and a can of Coors Light.

"I appreciate you all and I've had

a great time," Robinson said in reply to everyone with a few tears. "I will miss you."



Mark Goldsberry speaks at the reception for Wade Robinson in the Milo Bail Student Center on June 1. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)



# Large graduating class looks back on college years at spring commencement

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More than 1,400 graduates received diplomas at UNO's spring commencement ceremony, each receiving a special pin to commemorate their graduation during the centennial year.

Chancellor John Christensen conferred the degrees and congratulated the recipients.

"This is indeed a special day as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our institution's founding as Omaha University," Christensen said. "It is also the 40th anniversary of our merger into the University of Nebraska system."



JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY

Students representing 23 states and 29 countries were in attendance, as were family members and friends, flashing their cameras and filling the auditorium.

Senior Vice Chancellor Terry Hynes addressed the crowd, recognizing the degree recipients.

Student commencement speaker Humaira B. Qasimyar, who graduated summa cum laude in biotechnology and religious studies, addressed her fellow classmates while reflecting on her experiences at UNO.

"In the biology classrooms, I marveled at the complexity of humans, and during religion lectures I marveled at the complexity of humanity," Qasimyar said, in prepared remarks. "I was encouraged not only to think outside of the box but also to question who created the box in the first place and for what purpose."

Qasimyar also expressed her satisfaction with UNO's diversity, which she said added to her social experience as an undergraduate.

"I found a diversity on campus that I had not expected and learned that open hearts outnumber closed minds," Qasimyar said.

Other awards were also presented during the ceremony.

Lloyd E. Roitstein, president of the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts, received the Alumnus Achievement Award. Roitstein was honored for his leadership skills and community dedication, both of which were shown following last summer's tornado, which destroyed the Little Sioux Scout Ranch.

The Order of the Tower, UNO's highest non-academic award, was also presented at the ceremony. Ronald W. Roskens, former chancellor of UNO and former president of the University of Nebraska, was given the award for his achievements. During his career at NU, Roskens worked to develop exchange programs with international universities and oversaw the development of UNO's Center for Afghanistan Studies.

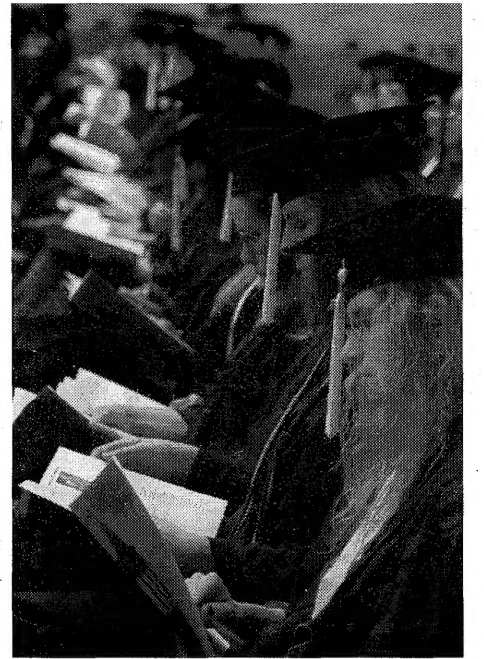
Although the atmosphere of the auditorium was electrified with excitement, some graduates expressed anxiety about finding a job during the country's current economic situation.

Allison Winkler, who received a bachelor's of deaf education, said that she was "very

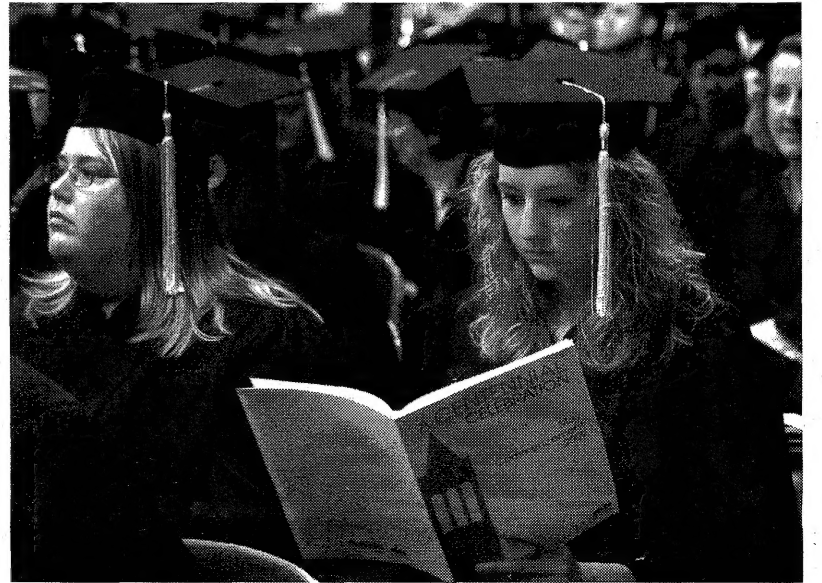
excited to be at the ceremony," but delivered an abrupt "yes" when asked if she was nervous about finding a job during times like these.

Jason Gallagher, who received a master's in English, also expressed concern with the current job market but was impressed with the type of speeches delivered at the ceremony.

"I thought it was well done," Gallagher said. "I don't think a long ceremony with advice about what we're going to be doing for the future would be appropriate for this type of year."



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# Mav golf captures MIAA title, UNO runners preparing for nationals falls just shy of nationals berth

**TODD HANSEN**  
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The Maverick golf team had a strong spring punctuated by winning MIAA championship during the team's inaugural year in the conference. The team ended the season only one stroke shy of an automatic berth to the national tournament with a fourth place finish at the NCAA Division II Women's Golf West Regional.

The year started with a team and individual win at the Wayne State Invitational. Junior Abbey Weddle took medalist honors with a two-day score of 157, while sophomore Dani Suponchick finished second with a 163 total.

The team's biggest win of the year came at the MIAA Tournament, where they beat second place Truman State by 27 strokes.

Junior Erin Ommen took first place with a two-day score of 153. Suponchick took second place at 164. Weddle and freshman Rebecca Pollack tied for third at 167.

The team then headed to Ironwood Golf and Country Club in Omaha for the regional tournament and a chance to reach

the Division II National Championship.

After three days, the Mavs had a 976 total. Unfortunately for the Mavs, though, Cal Chico State shot 975 to finish third and win the last automatic berth. West Texas A&M was second at 974 and Tarleton State took first shooting 954.

Ommen qualified as an individual by shooting 234 and finishing fourth. She went on to the National Championship in Findley, Ohio, and shot 322 over four rounds to finish 34th overall.

Throughout the spring, the team finished in the top half of each tournament. Another positive was the improvement of the team: all five golfers improved their stroke average from last year by at least two shots per round.

"I'm really trying to become more accurate and consistent," Suponchick said. "[Improving my] short game is huge, too."

To continue development, the Mavericks will be playing in summer tournaments such as the Nebraska and Kansas Women's Amateur Championships. All five starters will be back for the 2009-10 season, and the team will also add two incoming freshmen and two transfer players.

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sophomore sprinter Anja Puc broke a 23-year-old school record in the 800-meter run during the Ward Haylett Invitational hosted by Kansas State on May 9.

Puc ran the 800 in 2:07.29, beating the 1986 school record by Janice Moreau by nearly two seconds. Puc beat South Dakota's Emma Erickson, last year's 800 indoor and outdoor champion, by just .07 seconds in the event.

The invitational was the Mavs last meet before the NCAA Division II national championship meet in San Angelo, Texas, from May 21 to May 23.

The Mavs tied for third on May 3 in the MIAA track championship in Joplin, Mo. Host Missouri Southern won the MIAA title with 149, Truman State came in second with 124 and UNO tied Central Missouri at 72 points.

Maja Mihalinec took first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.25, and Puc

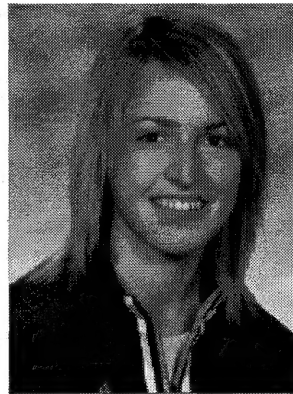
earned first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:11.76.

The Mavs also took first in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 47.95. The team consisted of Jody-Ann Coore, Kayla Koepke, Puc and Mihalinec.

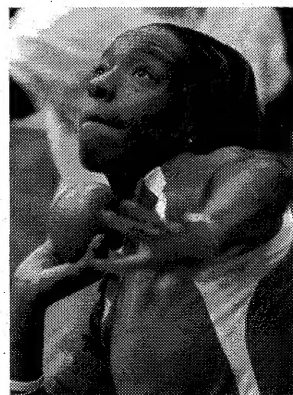
In the first day of competition, Heather Minssen won the shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 10 inches — 4 inches more than her previous personal best this season.

Before the MIAA meet, Shannon Moore — UNO's lone entry in the contest — posted the best score to win the MIAA Heptathlon Championship at Northwest Missouri State in April. Moore's final score of 5,061 points was 265 more than the second place finisher.

The heptathlon consisted of seven events: 200-meter dash, 800-meter run, 100-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put and javelin throw. Moore took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.84 and the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.66 seconds.



ANJA PUC



SHANNON MOORE

## Mav hockey schedule includes some small changes, surprises

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While major questions still linger regarding UNO's hockey program — such as who will be the next head coach, should the Mavs change conference and when will UNO build an ice arena? — one piece already has fallen into place: the 2009-10 season schedule.

The Mavs will first take the ice against the University of Lethbridge on Oct. 5 in Omaha. Also that weekend, UNO will face Army in the Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker Tournament, on Oct. 9 at the Qwest Center. UNO will then face either St. Lawrence University or University of Massachusetts Lowell on Oct. 10.

"The Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker will be one of the marquee events on the college hockey calendar this year, and we're honored to host it in conjunction with the Omaha Sports Commission and Mutual of Omaha," said Associate Athletic Director Mike Kemp. "Fans in Omaha will see teams they don't often see, teams that are some of the best in Division I."

The Icebreaker is a fundraiser for the College Hockey Commissioners Association. It's the NCAA's only exempt tournament, meaning the teams don't have to count it against their overall allowable number of games.

"The Omaha Sports Commission is proud and excited to explore new cooperative ventures with UNO," said Harold Cliff, the commission's president. "We think this tournament will be the launching pad for many events to come."

The Mavs will continue their 13th season by traveling to Hamilton, N.Y., to face Eastern College Athletic Conference opponent Colgate University.

UNO will play a home-and-home series against Minnesota State Mankato Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 — with the Dec. 19 game in Omaha. The Mavs will also a home series against Bemidji State on Feb.

26 and Feb. 27.

Bemidji State, who fell to Miami (Ohio) 4-1 in the Frozen Four last season, has been courting the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. The association would prefer to admit another team if it accepts Bemidji State — fueling speculation that UNO was considering such a conference realignment.

For now, though, UNO remains in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with clustermates with Lake Superior State, Alaska and Northern Michigan. The Mavs will play home and away series against those programs, with the home series scheduled for the Fridays and Saturdays of Nov. 13, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22 respectively.

In other conference action, UNO will host Bowling Green Oct. 30 and Oct. 31, Western Michigan Nov. 27 and Nov. 28, Ohio State on Feb. 5 and Feb. 6 and Michigan on Feb. 12 and Feb. 13. The Mavs will also travel to face Michigan State, Ferris State, Notre Dame and Miami (Ohio).

The CCHA playoffs are scheduled to begin March 5, with a best-of-three first round. In addition, UNO will participate in the Denver Cup Tournament Jan. 1 and Jan. 2, where the Mavs will face Denver and St. Lawrence.

All Maverick home games will be held at the Qwest Center next season, with scheduling conflicts being avoided this year that had previously forced UNO to play a home series at the Civic Auditorium.

Season tickets as well as tickets for the Mutual of Omaha Icebreaker are on sale now through the UNO Athletic Ticket Office in the Sapp Fieldhouse. Costs are \$24 for center ice, \$15 for all other lower bowl seats and \$12 for upper bowl seats.

To order or for more information call 554-MAVS. For a complete copy of the Mavericks' schedule, visit omavs.com/schedule.aspx?path=mhockey.

## Athletics to be broadcast on KVNO

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Athletic Department will partner with the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media to bring broadcasts of all Maverick athletic events beginning this fall.

KVNO, the university-owned public radio station broadcasting on 90.1 FM, will air all UNO football and hockey games as well as a majority of men's and women's basketball games. It will start with the inaugural football game against East Central University on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

"We are looking forward to partnering with KVNO to bring UNO athletics to a broader audience and further our mission of UNO as 'Omaha's Team,'" Athletic Director Trev Alberts said in a statement. "KVNO will give fans of Maverick athletics one spot on the dial that they can tune to for action all year long."

Students will be involved with the broadcasts, including KVNO's new digital station, KVNO HD2 aka "MavRadio,"

which will incorporate student work through on-air shifts and production. Basketball games that conflict with hockey will be broadcast on MavRadio. Other games will be streamed live on KVNO's Web site, kvno.org.

"This is an example of collaboration in action. Our students, faculty and staff will have a unique opportunity to work together in delivering Maverick athletics to the larger community," said Gail Baker, dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media. "This exciting partnership allows us to continue to provide classical music while also expanding our audience."

KVNO will continue to emphasize classical music, while MavRadio will feature classical, blues and other music formats, as well as public affairs programs.

"Due to the strength of its signal, KVNO will be able to reach some parts of Omaha that we haven't always reached consistently," Alberts said. "We also hope to grow our audience by inviting regular KVNO listeners to tune in to Maverick sports."

## Sigman places third in world team trials

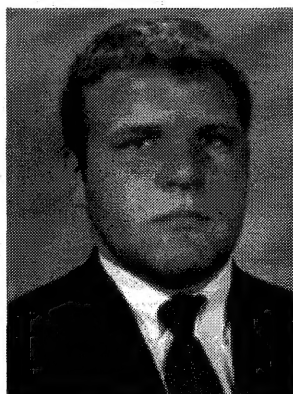
Former Maverick wrestling star Les Sigman competed for a spot on the national team at the U.S. World Team Trials at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs on May 31. Sigman competed in the 120 kilogram (264.5 pound) men's freestyle class.

Overall, Sigman finished fourth in the competition, falling 1-3, 4-2, 4-0 to Jarod Trice of Central Michigan RTC in the quarterfinals. He battled back over Eric Thompson (4-0, 0-6, 6-3) and Michael Irving (6-1, 6-3) in the consolidation rounds, but fell 0-2, 3-3, 5-0

to Ryan Tomei of the Pittsburgh Wrestling Club in the third-place round.

Sigman previously came in third at the U.S. Nationals held in April in Las Vegas, Nev., where he beat Tomei in the consolation semifinals. Earlier in April, Sigman came in first at the Nebraska Senior Freestyle Regional.

UNO's only four-time national champion, Sigman helped lead the Mavericks to three straight national championships between 2004 and 2006. He had a career record of 179-7 and went 47-0 during his senior year, which was 2005-06.



LES SIGMAN

- Scott Stewart





UNO's Brian Goliber and Central Missouri's Will Feil await the umpire's call during a play at the plate on May 10 in the MIAA championship game at Community America Ballpark. Feil was out on the play. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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"There's no better time to hit than the end of the year," Herold said. "Those were pretty timely hits. We got some two-out RBI hits."

The following day, UNO took the field against Missouri Southern. Senior Ben Percival pitched a two-hit complete game to shut out the Lions 4-0.

Andrew Hansen, who set an MIAA record with 30 doubles in the regular season, started off the Mavs' scoring in the bottom of the first with a double. Hansen was batted in by Porter, whose game-winning home run to left field lifted him above Weimer's previous school home-run record.

Junior Jeremy Klein scored an RBI double in the bottom of the fifth. Schwab rounded out the scoring with an RBI single in the same inning.

With two wins in the scorebook, the Mavericks finished the MIAA by taking on Central Missouri, who had only lost the MIAA title twice since 1994, holding an overwhelming 20 titles overall in conference history.

The teams traded runs for most of the game – which ran 3:13, the longest game of the tournament – with Central Missouri tying the game 9-9 at the bottom of the eighth inning.

Hansen took the plate and hit a one-out double to left field. He came home on the championship-clinching RBI single by Porter to make it 10-9.

Schwab followed Porter, giving UNO two insurance runs with a home run to right field. The final score was 12-9 after a caught fly ball, strike out and foul out by Central Missouri.

"We got a couple big two-strike hits," Herold said. "[Schwab] hit one to the seats off their No. 1 guy – that's the pitcher of the year on the mound. That made it double special to get him because he's so tough."

Porter, whose home run over the left-field fence in the

top of the fifth brought his career record to 43, said the Mavs pitching was nothing to ignore, though, with key plays often supplementing settler performances on the mound.

"As a team, everybody did something to help us win this tournament," Porter said. "It was just a great win, a great team win."

#### Conference rivals get their revenge

With the MIAA title in hand, the Mavs received an automatic berth in the South Central Regional playoffs, facing off against Abilene Christian University on May 14 in Warrensburg, Mo.

UNO started slow in the NCAA playoffs, letting Abilene Christian earn a run in the second, third and fifth innings to fall to a 3-0 disadvantage going into the seventh.

Jacobi got the scoring with an RBI single that bounced off the shortstop's glove and rolled slowly into center field, allowing Schwab – who had just hit a double – to score.

Later in the inning, Brian Strawn, Goliber and Hansen each had consecutive RBI singles to wrap up the scoring in the inning.

The Wildcats clawed one more run away from the Mavs in the eighth, but weren't able to rally before finally falling 5-4 to UNO.

After Abilene Christian, the Mavericks took the field on May 15 against MIAA foe Emporia State, who was eager for a rematch following UNO's success in the conference tournament.

The Mavs started off strong, with Schwab batting in Porter off a double followed by an RBI single by senior Mat Eikmeier. This gave UNO a 2-0 advantage going into the bottom of the first inning.

Emporia, however, quickly overcame the deficit, built momentum and leveled the Mavericks. Emporia scored 12

unanswered runs in the first four innings – two in the first, three in the second, six in the third and one in the fourth, which included three home runs and seven doubles over 14 hits.

UNO tried to recover, with Klein earning two RBIs off a double in the fifth and Eikmeier and Strawn combining for two RBI hits in the sixth. Porter drove in two more runs with a double in the ninth, pulling the Mavs within five before the game expired.

Following the loss to Emporia, UNO immediately entered an elimination game against tournament host Central Missouri, who weren't about to allow the Mavs to knock them out of another competition.

The Mules started off with a pair of solo home runs at the top of the first inning, capturing momentum from there to build a 7-0 lead by the end of four innings and a 12-0 lead going into the bottom of the seventh.

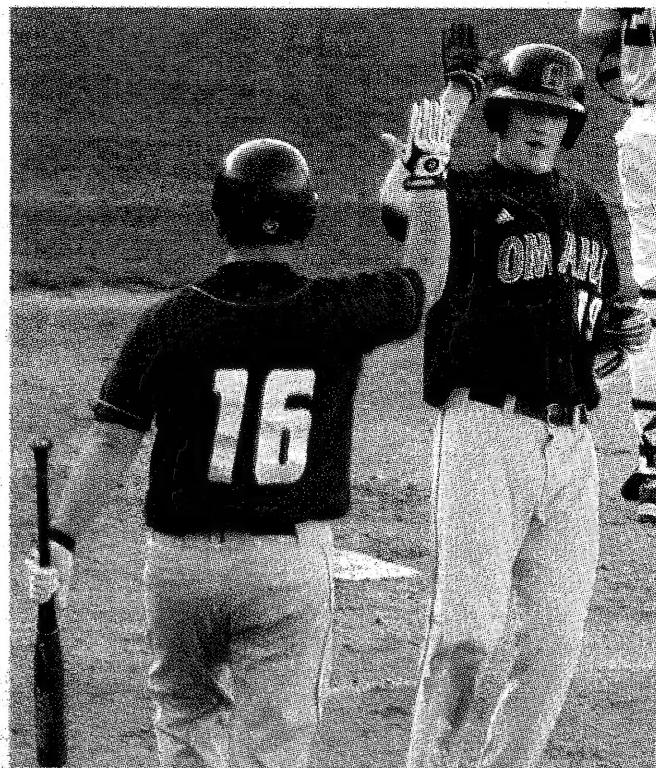
Eikmeier led off in the bottom of the seventh with a triple, which Koehn drove in with a sacrifice fly to break the shutout. Central Missouri responded with two more runs in the eighth, to make the final outcome of the game 14-1.

#### Porter earns postseason honors

After helping earn the MIAA title and keeping the Mavs alive in the regional playoffs, Porter finished his career as the school's record holder with 239 games played, 527 total bases, 323 hits, 249 RBIs, 75 doubles and 43 home runs. Porter also finished in the top 10 in NCAA Division II career history in all those categories.

Porter finished the season with a .424 average and 97 hits, 62 RBIs and 10 home runs. He was fourth in the MIAA in batting averages in hits.

Along with Hansen and Schwab, Porter was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-South Central Region First Team. Porter was also named to the ABCA All-America First Team and to the National College Baseball Writers' Association Division II All-American Third Team.



Brian Strawn, left, and Brett Koehn celebrate after Koehn scored a run during UNO's 6-3 win over Emporia State on May 8 at the MIAA tournament at Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kan. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

#### FROM **KEMP**: PAGE 1

to see the development of the hockey program.

"Looking ahead, I have to say it's a thrill. I think there are so many great days ahead for Maverick hockey and for the Athletic Department," Kemp said. "I'm looking forward with absolute joy and excitement at what I perceive we can do in the future."

Thanking the fans, the players and his staff, Kemp said the credit for the program that he helped build over its first 13 years should go to those whose vision it was to plant a Division I hockey program at UNO.

"I certainly owe a debt of gratitude to so many people," Kemp said. "My dad always told me, 'Make sure you surround yourself with people who make you look good,' and I have done that."

Don Leahy, assistant athletic director and former athletic director when the hockey program was established, said he shared Kemp's enthusiasm for the next chapter in the program's history.

"I've never seen the future look so bright for UNO athletics," Leahy said. "I'm confident that great things are on the horizon – the near horizon – and we're going to see them happen very quickly."

In addition to focusing on hockey, Kemp will also be responsible for cross country, track and field, golf and

soccer.

Addressing compensation, Alberts said it is his intention to show his department will "treat our most important resources in the right way." Accordingly, Kemp will work as an associate athletic director for the final year of his coaching contract and under a two-year extension with the salary and benefits of an associate athletic director.

As coach, Kemp received a \$154,771 salary for the 2008-09 fiscal year, according to state records. For comparison, Tom Frette, the former senior associate athletic director, received considerably less at \$84,000.

The bottom line for Kemp, though, was the ability to continue to be a part of shaping the Maverick hockey program.

"Quite honestly, there are a lot of things that we still need to accomplish," Kemp said. "So many of these things are right there on the horizon, and the opportunity to continue to see this through to, hopefully, its fruition, was too good to turn down."

#### Search under way for new coach

The search for the Maverick's next hockey coach began immediately after the announcement of Kemp's

promotion, Alberts said. The target for making the hire is late June or early July.

"We understand the time sensitive nature of finding a coach," Alberts said. "At the same time, we will do this in the right way."

A job description posted on the university's Web site says the job may close at any time, with a salary commensurate with experience.

Minimum qualifications for the position include a bachelor's degree, three years of coaching experience, knowledge and understanding of NCAA rules, communication skills, management skills, supervisory skills and fiscal management knowledge.

The committee to select a new coach will include Alberts, Kemp, Leahy, women's basketball coach Patty Patton Shearer, faculty athletic representative Bill Wakefield and hockey team captain Mark Bernier.

The search will consider applicants from across the country, not just local favorites, both Kemp and Alberts said.

"I think what we're going to find out is that this is a job nationally that is really well respected," Alberts said. "It's going to be interesting to see the level of interest we have with this decision."



# Mavs fall to Emporia, but get revenge in regional semifinal



Kristi Meneely takes a cut at the ball during previous action in the regular season. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

ANDREA CIUREJ  
NEWS EDITOR

After finishing fourth in the MIAA, the Mavs went on to be the No. 4 seed of the MIAA Tournament in Overland Park, Kan., looking to defeat conference foe Emporia State.

UNO defeated the Pittsburg State Gorillas in the first round of the tournament, followed by a win against the top-seeded Central Missouri Jennies. The Missouri Western Griffons were no match for the Mavs in the semifinal round, either, which brought the Mavs to the championship round to face the Hornets.

Although the Hornets defeated the Mavs in two consecutive games to claim the MIAA title, the teams were reunited at the South Central Region Tournament in San Angelo, Texas.

The Hornets stung the Mavs again by defeating them in the first round. The Mavs, however, zapped the Hornets in

the elimination final, carrying them to the championship game.

## Mavs fall at end of MIAA Tournament

The Mavs opened the MIAA Tournament with a 9-0 win against Pittsburg State on May 1.

Sophomore left-handed pitcher Lindsey Slocum was the star of the game, blasting a two-run hit in the first inning followed by another home run in the third. Sophomore outfielder Alli Hukill added to Slocum's heat with a three-run hit in the first.

By the fifth inning, the Mavs held a 6-0 lead over the Gorillas. With two outs and two on base, junior catcher Julia Krejci launched a home run, which enacted the run rule. Junior right-handed pitcher Melissa Negrete pitched the win for UNO and went 16-6.

The Mavs went on to defeat the Central Missouri Jennies 7-3 in round two.

In the first inning, the Mavs landed four runs off of three hits and two Central Missouri errors. Again, Slocum was the star with two doubles, followed by contributions from Hukill and junior infielder Jenna Dell. The Jennies also scored a set of runs off of two RBIs in the bottom of the inning.

The Mavericks made a comeback in the second with a run from sophomore infielder Ashley Lynch and a double from Slocum. Negrete would earn her second win, going 17-6 on the year.

UNO advanced to the semifinals to defeat the Missouri Western Griffons, 2-0, in nine innings on May 2.

Both teams went scoreless for eight innings until a single from Hukill advanced Slocum for the first run of the game. Junior infielder Kristin Wellwood drove Dell in on another single, too.

Sophomore left-handed pitcher Beth Haley entered in the third inning to pitch the final seven innings, allowing no hits, three strikeouts and a walk.

Unfortunately for the Mavs, they went on to lose the first championship game 1-5 against Emporia State on May 3.

The Hornets scored one unanswered run in the third inning, followed by two more in the fifth and sixth innings. Krejci landed her second pinch-hit homer of the tournament in the top of the seventh, but Emporia pitcher Megan Dennis ended the game with a strikeout, forcing a second game.

The Hornets went on to defeat the Mavs 5-3 in a second game to claim the MIAA title.

## Mavs get rematch in regionals

UNO opened the South Central Region Tournament in San Angelo, Texas, with another loss to the Hornets, falling 2-3 in 10 innings.

Slocum and junior outfielder Kristi Meneely provided for the Mavs with a pair of two-out hits in the first two innings. With bases loaded and no outs, Lynch led off the third inning with a single to right center.

The Hornets landed a walk-off solo home run in the bottom of the 10th for the win, however, forcing the Mavs to advance to the elimination round.

UNO got back on its feet in the first elimination round, defeating the St. Edwards Hilltoppers 4-2.

Catcher Emma Wright walked with one out in the ninth, followed by a home run from Lynch to advance to the finals against the Hornets. Haley, who entered in the seventh, earned the win.

In the teams' fourth postseason meeting, the Hornets finally lost failed to defend their nest against the Mavs in the elimination final.

Krejci topped off the second inning with a solo home run over center field, followed by a two-run shot to left field by freshman infielder Katelyn Hinton. Infielder Treightin Yates went 2 for 2, scoring on a sacrifice fly by Slocum and landing a single.

In the end, the Mavs defeated the Hornets 5-3 and advanced to championship game against the Angelo State Rambelles.

Freshman infielder Molly Feichtinger, Slocum and Yates all contributed one hit and one RBI in the championships, but it was not enough. Slocum, who opened the game as the pitcher, gave up six runs to earn the loss for the team.

The Mavs fell to the Rambelles 6-4, ending up with a 45-17 season finish.

## Leahy returns to Athletic Department

SCOTT STEWART  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Former Athletic Director Don Leahy has returned to UNO to help the university's recently hired athletic director run the department.

Leahy will serve in a part-time advisory role as assistant athletic director under Athletic Director Trev Alberts, who made the announcement of Leahy's return on May 7.

"We are excited that someone of Don's stature in the community is going to lend his vast experience to Maverick athletics," Alberts said. "He guided UNO through an era of great change and achievement, and I think he can help us write that next chapter of success."

Leahy, a native Omahan, previously served as athletic director for UNO from 1974 through 1985 and again from 1995 to 1997. He also served as the athletic director at Creighton University from 1985 to 1990.

A graduate of Marquette University, Leahy was one of the top college quarterbacks in the nation. He played in the 1951 Blue-Gray game, an annual college football all-star exhibition game.

Before coming to UNO, Leahy was a coach, teacher and administrator at Creighton Prep High School from 1952 to 1972, where he led the school's football team to eight state championships during his 17 seasons as head coach.

Leahy was also the director of coliseum activities at Ak-Sar-Ben from 1972 to 1974

before joining the Mavericks.

Under Leahy's first tenure as athletic director, the Mavericks moved into the North Central Conference and women's athletics were added. He helped organize the Maverick Hall of Fame, which he was inducted into in 1993.

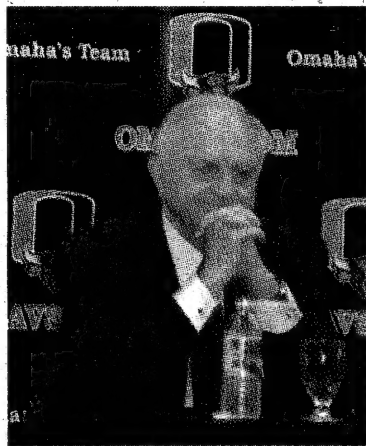
Under his second tenure, UNO added its Division I men's hockey program; a \$9.5 million building project was conducted to renovate and create space for both men's and women's athletics; swimming and diving, soccer, women's tennis and golf were all added; and a total revision was made to the department's fundraising activities.

Mike Kemp, who stepped down as head hockey coach to become an associate athletic director, said Leahy had been there for the Mavericks for as long as he had known him.

"Throughout the entire first 13 years we've been here, Don has been an incredible ally, been there night in, night out — through a lot of thick and thin, and certainly putting his two cents in between periods whether we wanted it or not," Kemp said.

The credit for establishing and building UNO's hockey program should go to Leahy and former Chancellor Del Weber, Kemp said.

"They had the foresight, the vision, to see that a Division I hockey program within our university would be an asset, something that could be a marquee event in our program," Kemp said. "They were the ones who had the vision and set the course, and they are the ones we will always be greatly indebted to."



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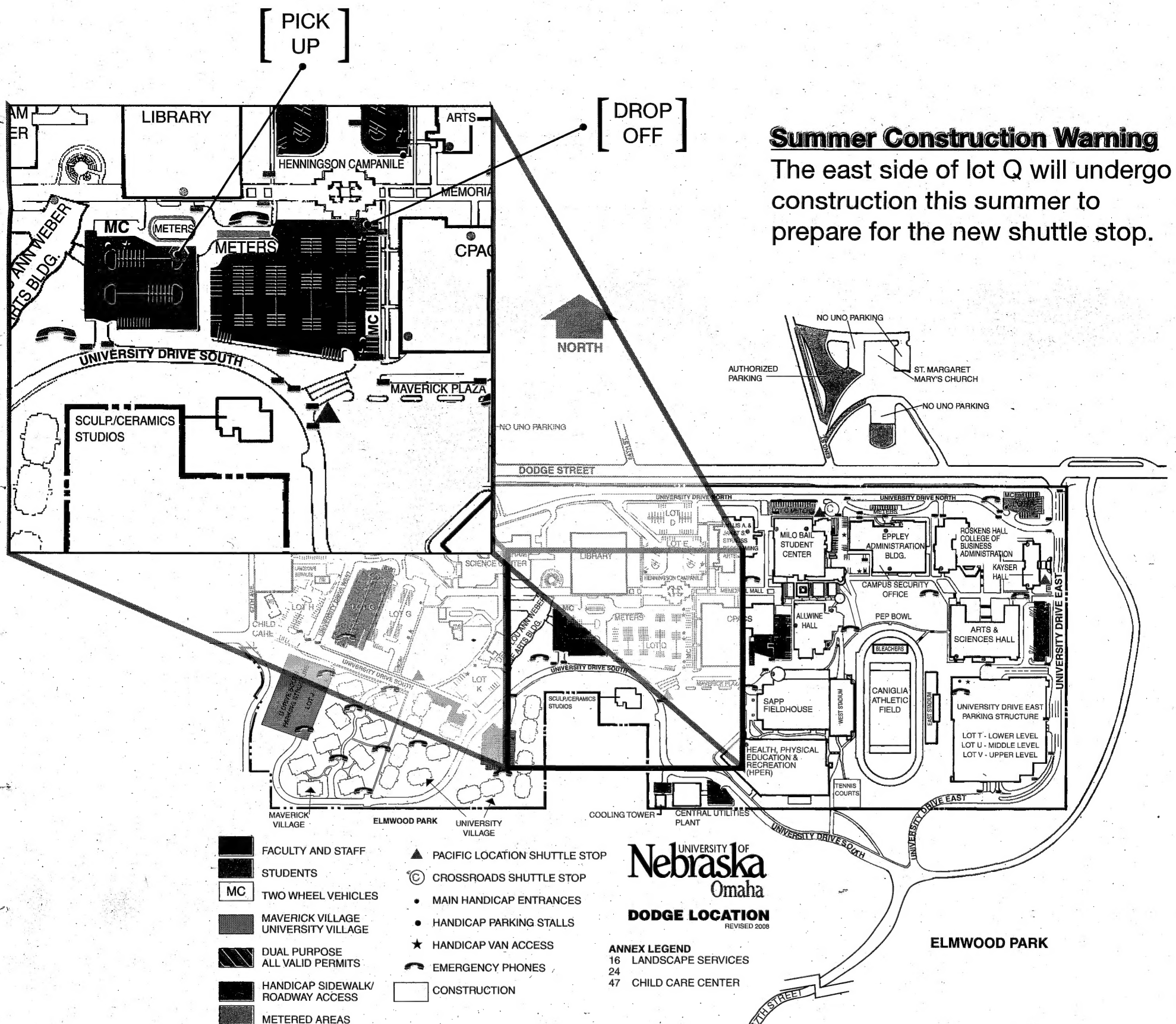
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## Taste of Omaha: good for city, bad for wallet

COMMENTARY BY  
CAITRIN SHIRAZI  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This previous weekend marked the 12th annual Taste of Omaha celebration. Once again, the riverfront was crowded with people perusing the sites - and what a number of sites there were. The strip was covered with restaurant tents, beer and wine gardens, carnival rides, games and entertainers ranging from clowns to musical acts to machete jugglers.

Taste of Omaha had representation from many local restaurants that included authentic Mexican, classic Italian, true Chinese and many more in between.

In addition to the restaurant booths, the celebration also offered fun foods and summer favorites that everyone loves like snow cones, freshly squeezed lemonade and funnel cakes.

Taste of Omaha is a great event that promotes the city, however, it had a few major downfalls. Although entrance to the event was free, the cost of food, beverages, rides and games were too high and no vendors on the main strip accepted cash.

Eight tickets cost \$5, and the majority of the food, beverages, rides and games required quite a few per item. For example, roasted turkey legs cost 10 tickets each and a 16-ounce glass of lemonade cost six - that's \$10 already. If visitors wanted to ride any of the rides, the cost of visiting the event skyrocketed. Rides like the Octopus and the Scrambler cost six tickets and the Tilt-a-Whirl cost all eight tickets on your card.

Wristbands that offered visitors unlimited access to rides were also available for \$20 each, which would have brought down some of the total cost of the event. But they weren't worth the money, as the event only offered a few rides - most of them aimed at small children.

The most enjoyable display at the event was put on by the team at Wake N Skate board sports, who had set up an



The Diamonds perform at the annual Taste of Omaha celebration in the parking lot of Rick's Cafe Boatyard on the riverfront near the Old Market. (CAITRIN SHIRAZI/THE GATEWAY)

on-land wake boarding activity that was not only fun to watch but was free to participate in.

The display consisted of two large pools, each holding 1,500 gallons of water, which were connected by a ramp and rail. Participants started on the platform farthest away and were pulled into the water, up the ramp and over the rail into the pool on the other side by a length of rope that was hooked up to a retracting motor.

The tricks some of the participants pulled off were amazing for not being towed by a real boat in a natural body of water.

Overall, Taste of Omaha is a great idea and helps promote how great Omaha really is. The cost of participation, however, was excessive. With the present economic situation, the event would have been better if the prices of food, beverages and entertainment were more reasonable.

## Chance of bad weather steals thunder from outdoor concert



People gathered in Memorial Park on Saturday for the free concert. The turnout was lower than expected because of the threat of bad weather. (CAITRIN SHIRAZI/THE GATEWAY)

JASMINE MAHARISI  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Despite weather anxiety, the only storm present at the Memorial Park Summer Concert was the one the bands were brewing on stage.

Compared to previous years' 10,000 to 20,000 people, the total concertgoers present at this year's Memorial Park Summer Concert was minimal. Small clumps of people dotted the park's lawn, with enough wiggle room between them to spare.

Perhaps humidity kept people from attending the concert. Maybe it was the threat of rain that kept them away. After all, the concert has been rained out every year since its inception three years ago.

The concert also had to compete with two other cultural events offered Saturday. The unveiling of Joslyn Art Museum's outdoor sculpture gallery gave Omaha the option of viewing the focal point of the \$10 million redevelopment plan, which changed the museum's grounds.

Residents also had the option of attending the 12th annual Taste of Omaha, which offered live music, fireworks and food from a variety of Omaha's eating establishments.

"It's been a great four years of summer concerts," outgoing Mayor Mike Fahey said to the audience, alluding to his ending term. "We've certainly enjoyed it and we hoped you have, too."

This year's concert lineup included local acts Brad Hoshaw & the Seven Deadlies, Mal Madrigal and Sarah Benck, with UK-based band Gomez headlining the show.

Gomez, who has eight CDs including a compilation released in 2006 entitled "Five Men in a Hut," had the warmest reception.

As soon as the quartet walked onstage, dressed in the current indie fashion that includes plaid shirts and black rimmed glasses, audience members began to move closer to the stage.

"We thought it was gonna rain all day," said Ian Ball, vocalist and guitarist for Gomez.

"And look," Ball added while made a sweeping motion with his hand to emphasize the clear weather.

The band played a set of their eclectic music, which has been described by music critic Jim Farber of The New York Times as drawing from the "familiar roots of blues, folk and rock without succumbing to their clichés."

At one point in the show, Ben Ottewell, the group's raspy vocalist and guitarist, put a ticking twin-bell alarm clock up to the microphone and let it go off. Ottewell compelled the crowd with his intense vocals, especially at the beginning of the song "Natural Reaction," in which Ottewell began with singing a few lines a capella before the instruments smoothly joined into the melody.

Some didn't come to see Gomez at all.

Steve Loftus, who was attending his first Memorial Park Summer Concert, was satisfied with the local acts.

"I came to see the openers," Loftus said. "I've never heard of Gomez, but the music played today was fantastic."



Ian Ball from the band Gomez performs in Memorial Park on Saturday. (CAITRIN SHIRAZI/THE GATEWAY)



# Witchcraft, regicide: Scottish Play comes to Elmwood Park



*Shakespeare on the Green returns to a classic for its limited summer season*

MIKE BELL  
CONTRIBUTOR

This summer, roll out the blankets and come to the much-anticipated Shakespeare on the Green.

The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival returns to Elmwood Park for free presentations of "Macbeth."

The play will run June 18-21 and June 24-28. Each night the figurative curtains go up at 8 p.m., although other events such as live music and freshly baked treats start at 6 p.m.

For the first time since 1999, the classic tragedy of "Macbeth" returns to the stage. It is Director Scott Glasser's 10th production for Shakespeare on the Green.

Most of this year's cast includes UNO alumni and current students from the Theatre Department's recent productions of "Waiting for Godot" and "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

While remaining true to the story, Glasser makes the tale more appealing for modern tastes by combining the classic tale of betrayal and deception with contemporary story-telling elements.

"We cut some of the background of the characters. The old plays explain every little detail," Glasser said. "Now we just go for the audience's imagination."

However, no traditional approach exists for these stories, Glasser said.

"We honor the story and the structure of the play but differ in using projected voices and try to have it relate to our modern day morals," Glasser said.

Despite the successful turnouts each year, the production has suffered cutbacks. Those in attendance in previous years will recognize the same stage being used again.

Even though Glasser views this as a limitation, he is still optimistic about the show.

"There is something about these plays that connects human beings and our darker nature," Glasser said. "It allows us a sense of standards when we see the choices the characters make and how they deal with morals and ethics, both their own and of others. Only a few characters decide to quit the games and tell the truth while most continue to lie."

Left: Brent Harris stars in the 1999 production of "Macbeth" produced by the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival in Elmwood Park. This year's Shakespeare on the Green will again present "Macbeth" for Omaha residents. (CHRIS MACHAIN/THE GATEWAY)

## Review: 'Drag Me to Hell'



REVIEW BY  
CHARLEY REED  
CONTRIBUTOR

After a 17-year hiatus from the world of horror Sam Raimi has returned with a swift kick in the ass to the genre, once again raising the bar for every other director who thinks they know how to a scary movie.

While many people know Raimi from his work on the Spiderman trilogy (which becomes a quadrilogy in 2011) many others know him from his first trilogy, the "Evil Dead" trilogy.

In Raimi's first foray into the business of major motion pictures nearly thirty years ago in 1981, it was with the now cult-classic "Evil Dead" where a young Bruce Campbell, as the film's main character Ash, fights off demons in an isolated cabin in the woods.

It was in the third film of the series, 1992's "Army of Darkness," that Raimi seemingly left the world of B-grade horror behind. But his latest film, "Drag Me to Hell," proves Raimi still has what it takes to make his audience toe the dangerous line between uncontrollable fear and hysterical laughter.

The film starts nearly 50 years ago with a frantic family taking their son to a Hispanic witch doctor. Complaining he is seeing shadows and hearing voices, the doctor (Adriana Bazzara) realizes the boy is cursed. Before she can begin the cleansing ceremony, the boy is grabbed by unseen hands and dragged into a circle of high-rising flames.

Almost 30 years later, a bank loan officer named Christine Brown (Alison Lohman) is eager for a promotion to an assistant manager position at the bank where she works.

When an elderly-looking gypsy named Mrs. Ganush (Lorna Raver) comes in to ask for a third extension on her home payments, Christine's boss tells her to make a managerial decision. Unfortunately for Christine, Mrs. Ganush is no ordinary gypsy, and she attacks Brown.

Unable to shake the feeling something is wrong, Christine and her boyfriend Clay (Justin Long) go to a palm reader who informs Christine that she had been cursed, and in three days — she'll go to hell.

The remainder of the film, an hour that goes surprisingly fast, is centered on Christine and her no nonsense boyfriend trying everything in their power to remove the curse, including a final séance scene that puts Raimi on par with Stephen King or Edgar Allan Poe.

To say that Raimi unleashes every tool in his horror-movie arsenal is an understatement.

Using a ridiculously low budget, Raimi gives us creepy-looking shadows, a slew of vomiting bugs and a nose bleed scene that would make Jackson Pollock proud.

While gore is a big part of "Drag Me to Hell," the film is also quite scary. However, staying true to his roots, Raimi is also over-the-top ridiculous that you will be laughing your head off in between yelps of terror.

So utterly ridiculous in its premise, the film's true value comes in its execution. Raimi is firing on all cylinders and then some.

While some may not like to mix horror and comedy, for me it's like chocolate and peanut butter. The two can exist separately from each other, but together it is pure euphoria.

"Drag Me to Hell" is not only a mix of two great genres that are great together; it's downright sinful how much fun it is.

That said it's not going to be a film for everyone. You just have to ask yourself if you can stand being grossed out, terrified and simultaneously at a loss of breath from convulsing with laughter.

If you, like me, are not only up to the task but welcome it with open arms, then you'll no doubt agree that Raimi can drag us to hell any time he damn well pleases.



## Review: 'Up'



REVIEW BY  
CAITRIN SHIRAZI  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"Up" is the story of an unlikely adventurer, the acquaintances he makes and the events and hardships he encounters on his lifelong journey to paradise. While the movie is appropriate for audiences of all ages, "Up" should by no means be written off as just a "kids" movie.

The animated feature brought in \$44.2 million during its opening weekend at theaters in the United States and Canada, while the highly anticipated comedy "Hangover" opened in a close second with \$43.3 million.

The movie begins with protagonist Carl Fredricksen, a young boy, who dreams to become a world-famous adventurer like his idol, Charles Muntz. During an afternoon of make-believe adventures, Carl meets and is swept away by Ellie, a fellow Muntz enthusiast.

A brief but breathtaking montage shows moviegoers Carl and Ellie aging together, marrying, overcoming heartbreak and lastly, saying goodbye. Ellie's death leaves Carl a lonely, grumpy old man.

Carl lives his life until his it takes a turn for the worst and he is left with the choice of being escorted to a retirement home or embarking on the dream adventure he and

his wife had put off for so long. Carl takes the latter.

In mid-flight to paradise, Carl discovers an accidental stowaway, Russell, a Wilderness Explorer bent on earning his "assisting the elderly" badge. While reluctant at first to keep Russell on-board, Carl soon learns he is a valuable asset.

The adventures these two have together are brilliant and include Dug, the talking dog, assisting an enormous, endangered mother bird named Kevin safely return to her young and fighting off canine fighter-pilot attacks.

Throughout each of their adventures, Carl consistently gives the majority of his attention and efforts to his mission and house until a final conflict between saving his home, the last memory of his beloved wife, or saving the lives of Russell, Kevin and Dug.

In the end, Carl has to decide whether to move on with his life and give up on the house that he has been desperately clinging to in order to save his new friends and protect the new life offered to home.

"Up" is definitely a movie that leaves viewers with lifted spirits and proves that you're never too old, or too young, to bring adventure into your life.



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# I live in, and love, Omaha

COMMENTARY BY  
JILLIAN ENDEBROCK

I'll admit, as a child, I cursed Omaha, and swore I'd move out and never look back as soon as I turned 18. Like many of my other fifth-grade pals, I thought places like California sounded much more appealing and offered much more.

Perhaps due to our young age, Omaha didn't really have much to give us at the time.

Or, maybe we gathered these bogus ideas from our parents and decided to stick with them, repeating our distaste for our hometown like a broken record.

But Omaha seems different now; this town has grown into something extraordinary with so many opportunities to offer.

I take back all those daft words I muttered so long ago and will replace them with new ones - I love Omaha.

The reasons for falling in love with Omaha are virtually endless, from housing to the nationally renowned Henry Doorly Zoo, to being the birthplace of talented people - Hello, Fred Astaire and Warren Buffett.

For those who are skeptical, know I am not alone. What Cheer, a small Web design studio based in Omaha, also enjoys their hometown and developed the Web site [www.iliveinomaha.com](http://www.iliveinomaha.com). The Web site allows Omahans to share their reasons for loving and living in Omaha.

Among the different entries are my personal favorites: "I live in Omaha because it's the best kept secret," and, "...because I got here on accident,

but after 16 years wouldn't consider leaving."

After much inspiration from entries posted on the site and much contemplation, I have come up with my top three reasons of why I live in Omaha.

## 1. Omaha gets bigger and better every year.

From the newly designed North Downtown area that houses Slowdown, American Apparel and Film Streams, to the ever-expanding restaurant and neighborhood list of West O, Omaha's getting big.

The activities, businesses and restaurants don't show signs of stopping anytime soon - the progress of the city keeps charging ahead with new schools and neighborhoods, especially out west, to keep up with the increasing population.

And this summer, Omahans won't have a problem finding fun in the city thanks to Mutual of Omaha's Wild About Omaha Weekend, July 24 and 25.

The weekend will host many free events at a plethora of arts and entertainment venues including the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts located at 724 S. 12th St., as well as the Hot Shops Art Center at 1301 Nicholas St.

## 2. Omaha's creative scene can't be beat.

It's practically inevitable - talk to any musically inclined person about Omaha, and Saddle Creek Records will come up.

As of late, the Omaha indie label has been laying low - some past artists

have recently released records with other labels - but Saddle Creek is still signing new acts and keeping busy with its extremely successful venue, the Slowdown, which opened in 2007.

Aside from the Saddle Creek scene, many great acts from around the nation - Elton John two years in a row - come to Omaha to play to the crowd they've heard so much about. The crowds don't disappoint. Neither do the bands.

The DJ scene is also coming to rise in Omaha, mashing up tunes and making people get down at events like Loom, Goo and Gunk.

And, with a variety of different venues to host shows and dance parties, we don't have much to complain about - except for maybe missing out on some of the best nights because the event is 21 and over.

## 3. Omaha truly is the best kept secret.

Go out of town to a big city and tell someone you're from Nebraska - it's surprising to find out what other people don't know.

I've been asked before if we have pavement roads and Wal-Marts - I've also had to answer the question, "What state is Nebraska in?"

Maybe the people I've come across didn't have proper schooling and should consider taking some middle school courses again. But whatever the problem, it's their problem.

We Omahans are lucky to be in on the secret and we only hope that one day our ignorant friends from other cities figure it out.

Not only do we have Wal-Mart, we also have much more to offer than any Wal-Mart could.

Omaha is a big city with big opportunity for success and growth, but also carries a small town feel with it, allowing us to feel safe and connected with one another.

We must embrace our wonderful community and love what makes us so unique. Sure, we're not California with constant warmth and beaches.

We're Nebraska, with four extremely different seasons that will tickle different fancies and keep us from getting bored. Hey, it also means an expanded wardrobe.

There's something here for everyone, from the College World Series to McFoster's Natural Kind Café. You've just got to be willing to look and make it work.

Omaha has taken big steps up since I was in fifth grade, and it's clear we can only progress from here.

I know our love for Omaha can only grow fonder.

# STAFF EDITORIAL

## Summer events needed

UNO's label as a "commuter college" creates both benefits for our university as well as burdens. It distinguishes the institution as accessible and open to students who would like to pursue an education other than a traditional full-time class schedule.

This means that along with boosting our student base, the average Omahan has a greater opportunity to get an education. While the strength of UNO's recruiting potential is clear, it's still sometimes difficult to identify with a strong, social campus lifestyle.

The traditional university campus is almost empty during the summer but the scene at UNO is much different. Non-traditional students whose existence on campus seems meager during the school year is strong through the summer. During this time, when most would usually return home for vacation, many students are choosing to continue with classes.

UNO, with its many facilities and proximity to a number of parks, has the potential to change the campus from one visited only during school hours into a relaxing, social venue. This could foster the unity a commuter college might seem to lack.

The first obstacle to such a proposition is the economic factor. The cornerstone of UNO's summer fun, Shakespeare on the Green, had to decrease its performances this year. However, besides the visiting art and musical performances, little else is available for students to enjoy on campus.

A quick brainstorm provides many possibilities for cheap, fun activities requiring a little planning and advertisement. For example, there is space for sports Elmwood Park, Memorial Park or the open green space across from Scott Village.

The university's budget would require the expense of a ball, or a Frisbee, and someone taking the time to organize the event's advertisement.

Better yet, the university could just advertise an open invitation for students to bring their own sports ideas and organize on the spot. An event like this could even catch on and take place on regularly.

With adequate funding, more elaborate plans can take place. Outdoor movie screenings would be a better option for a night out than paying \$7 to go to a theater.

The economy is certainly an obstacle for budgetary increase proposals. However, funds are available to student organizations in the summer. Student Government receives funds to meet multiple times throughout the summer, but the May 21 meeting was canceled at students' expense.

Maverick Productions, the UNO Student Programming organization, which has hosted such events as concerts and zoo outings, has nothing planned for this summer.

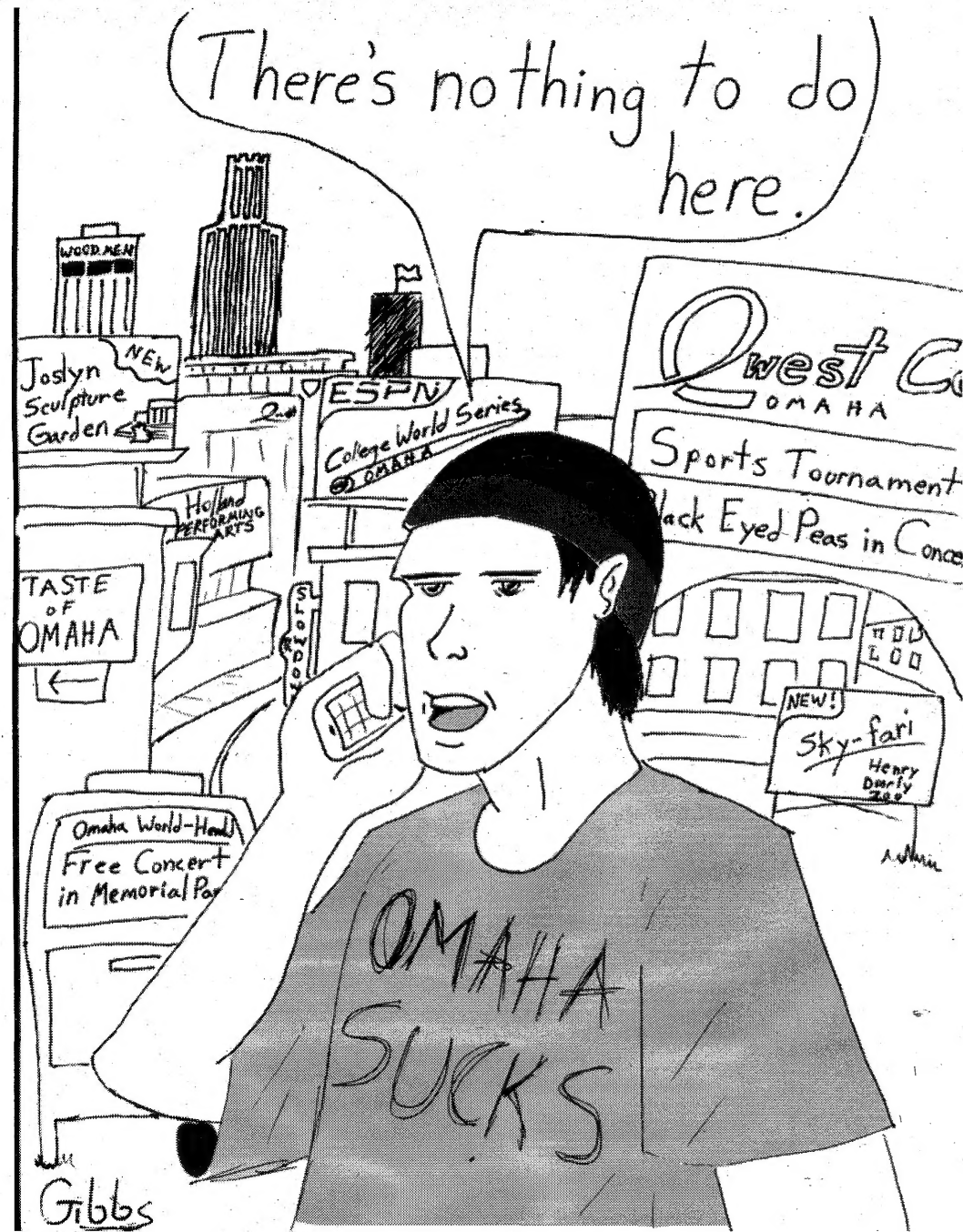
As stated on its Web site, Maverick Productions is a student-funded organization that responds to student requests. Compared to a presumably large fee to draw in a nationally-appearing act or speaker, this organization could easily host numerous Maverick outings throughout the summer in UNO's own backyard.

The Gateway also receives university funding, and we believe it is our obligation to continue to serve the student body through the summer, recognizing student presence remains on campus in the summer months.

It is our hope that we're consistent in providing a useful service. We feel it's our duty to draw attention to shortcomings in campus activities. Additionally, we always appreciate feedback from the students and faculty.

In consideration of the students who remain on or near campus between May and August, it seems negligent to our student fees to leave students with nothing to do. As university organizations, the primary incentive should be to increase student camaraderie around a Maverick sentiment.

The summer season provides great potential to host inexpensive outdoor gatherings that focus simply on bringing people together to have fun.





# After years of discussion, Nebraska finally smoke free

NOELLE BLOOD  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Omaha has been smoke-free since 2006 and, as of June 1, the rest of Nebraska has finally followed suit.

All Nebraska businesses are now smoke-free, excluding a small percentage of hotel and motel rooms, tobacco retail outlets, tobacco research laboratories and private residences.

The Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution of Nebraska Inc. pushed for the state bill.

"Omaha's ordinance was the tipping point," said Mark Welsch, GASP president.

GASP has been working for 20 years to get a state law passed and is the only organization to work toward that goal rather than just increasing taxation, Welsch said.

"It is now a criminal offense to allow smoking where you shouldn't, and it's a criminal offense to smoke where you shouldn't," Welsch said.

He recommends calling 911 to report smoking violations, so the offending individuals or businesses can be ticketed.

"I'm very happy about this bill passing," Welsch said.

Many area residents are happy, as well. Sarpy County is smoke-free for the first time and both patrons and employees of the International House of Pancakes located at 1503 Cornhusker Road in Bellevue are excited.

"My clothes don't smell anymore," said server LeAnn Stevenson, 26. "I used to go home and I would smell like I worked at a bar."

Stevenson said she is glad for the smoke-free work environment since restaurant servers often see ill effects of secondhand smoke.

Neva Brasher, 25, frequently visits Sarpy County restaurants with her husband and young son. She said she hates smoking "100 percent."

"I can't stand eating where people smoke. I can't breathe," Brasher said. "I understand that other people smoke, but I don't and I shouldn't have to."

However, not every IHOP patron is happy with the new law. Kelli Barta, 18, said she stopped visiting IHOP since she can no longer smoke there.

"Having to get up and go outside is an inconvenience and a pain in the ass," Barta said. "At 3 a.m., I want to come in and have coffee and a cigarette and talk to people."

Despite some customers' complaints, Welsch predicts that smoke-free businesses will see an economic boost. Only 20 percent of adults in Nebraska smoke, as opposed to 80 percent who do not.

"A business catering to a tiny minority of the population is not making as much money as those catering to the majority," Welsch said.

McFoster's Natural Kind Cafe in Omaha has been

smoke-free since opening more than 14 years ago. The cafe responded to the new bill by also making their patio smoke-free. The owner of McFoster's feels this "gives them an edge" in the restaurant business, Welsch said.

Manager Wes Hansen said that so far, the Bellevue IHOP has not experienced a drop in patronage.

"We actually had a really good overnight on Monday," Hansen said. "Best Monday we've had in a long time."

Stevenson said the smoking room in IHOP would often "sit empty through the entire week" and during her daytime shifts, she would serve "at the most, 10 tables in smoking."

Considering the majority of patrons are non-smokers, Hansen said business should at least continue as normal.

"I think it's a win for most people," Hansen said, "and it's a win for me."

GASP's next goal is to pass a bill to prevent smokers from gathering outside businesses, Welsch said.

"It makes what should be a smoke-free building not really a smoke-free building," Welsch said. Patrons must walk through secondhand smoke to enter and exit, and smoke may enter the building when doors open and close.

Brasher, who is seven months pregnant with her second child, said she supports this possible legislation.

"Their inconvenience is they don't get to smoke when they want," Brasher said. "But my inconvenience is paying the cost to my health because of their choice."

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to reallocate items in their 2009-10 fiscal year budget, Milliken said. Accomplishing this may still require layoffs or even the elimination of programs within the university.

"The money has to come from somewhere, and it's not going to come completely from tuition or from state general fund," Milliken said. "So it will have to come from another source within the university, either elimination of position or elimination of other cost items within the budget."

The reallocations will not all happen immediately at the turn of the fiscal year, which happens on July 1, Milliken said. To

assist in the transition, the university has saved \$7 million in one-time savings opportunities to fund the remainder of discontinued cost obligations.

"Any final decisions about implementing the budget will have to wait until the Board of Regents has made its decision and voted on the budget," Milliken said.

The NU Board of Regents will consider the proposed budget this Friday at Varner Hall in Lincoln, as well as voting on the recommended 4 percent university-wide tuition increase.

University officials had promised for

months that dramatic tuition increases would not be used to solve budget problems, as it was in 2003 when the system saw a 15 percent overall tuition hike.

The recommended 4 percent rate would constitute the lowest tuition increase in recent years, with a 5 percent increase in 2005 and a 6 percent increase in the three years since then. Milliken said the hike was the minimum rate the university could have recommended while meeting the university's basic needs, including financial aid.

"We wanted to keep tuition at a relatively moderate rate," Milliken said. "We know that any tuition increase has an impact on students, but on the other hand we do need to maintain the university at a level of quality that Nebraskans expect and we need to maintain programs."

Along with the tuition increase, the university will

expand the Collegebound Nebraska program, which allows most Nebraska families with an annual income of \$50,000 or less to send a child to the University of Nebraska and pay no tuition, Milliken said.

The university will also establish a one-time \$1.2 million Student Assistance Fund to help students cover unexpected changes in circumstance after financial aid awards have already been disbursed. Milliken said the federal government's increases to the Pell Grant program — an increase of more than \$600 available per student — will also assist struggling Nebraska students.

"This budget doesn't do certainly everything that we would like it to do," Milliken said. "It doesn't aggressively pursue the board's goal in terms of competitiveness of faculty and staff salaries. But given our relative strength, I think this is a good budget given what we have to work with this year. I think we will make progress."

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McGinn ruled on May 21 to grant the motion in limine, thereby limiting the evidence offered by both parties to the material presented to the special master. Lawyers from the university objected at the hearing, allowing them to challenge the order should the case be appealed again.

At the hearing, McGinn listed to arguments on whether the special master's ruling should be given deference by the commission or whether the ruling was disparate from the prevalent rates of pay, according to Nebraska law.

John C. Hewitt, who represented the university, argued that the university's proposal would close the pay gap existing between UNO and its peer institutions, whereas the AAUP's final offer went beyond closing the gap. Additionally, Hewitt claimed the gap was less than the amount that was used in the special master's decision.

Dalton W. Tietjen, who represented the AAUP, argued the pay gap had been agreed to by the university and AAUP for the purposes

of the ruling and should not be revised. To change the number on the appeal would be unfair, Tietjen claimed.

"They want us to compare apples to oranges," Tietjen said. "It's not appropriate. It violates the principles that this commission has always followed."

Hewitt responded to Tietjen's argument by observing that each special master has a different approach and, therefore, the commission should determine what was appropriate on its own.

In addition to oral arguments, both Hewitt and Tietjen filed written briefs to the commission, which will be reviewed along with evidence that was previously presented to the special master.

The commission is expected to make a ruling by July 1, or as soon as reasonability possible thereafter. The commission is currently deciding three other cases in addition to the university's dispute.

"We'll get this done as soon as we reasonably can," McGinn said.

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and reduce enough gas emissions to equal 800,000 cars off the road. "I think one of the problems with global climate change is that it doesn't feel very personal yet," Hoekstra said.

Hoekstra compared global warming with life-threatening diseases like cancer.

Even though the dangers are realized, the problem doesn't become real for many people until it personally affects someone they know, he said.

"It's very clear science. Thousands of scientists have agreed it's happening and human made," Fraenkel said. "The costs of inaction will outweigh the costs of doing something."

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